

Windham Historic District / Heritage Committee
Meeting Thursday, March 5, 2020
Windham Museum, 7:00PM

Present: Frank Farmer (Regular), Skot Pare (Alternate), Carol Pynn (Regular), Derek Saffie (Regular), Wendy Williams (Regular)

Absent (Excused): Peter Griffin (Regular), Peter Noel (Alternate), Heath Partington (Selectmen Liaison), Dr. Michael Speidel (Alternate)

Guests: Kay Normington

Meeting opened at 7:00PM.

Kay Normington presented her plan to renovate the front porch of her property at 128 North Lowell Road. The plan will restore the porch close to its original, ca. 1880s, appearance. Frank Farmer made a motion to accept the plan to renovate the front porch at 128 North Lowell Road as proposed by Kay Farmington; seconded by Derek Saffie and passed 5 - 0.

Wendy Williams read an update written by Dr. Michael Speidel regarding the Nutfield 300th medal dies. He has conveyed our plans to have the dies stored at the mint to representatives of Derry and Londonderry. Mr Kevin Smith from Londonderry and Mr Paul Lindemann from Derry agreed with our Board decision to keep molds in Virginia until 2029.

The Planning Board has scheduled a site walk of Windham Woods for Saturday, March 7, at 8:30AM. There is a historic foundation on the site that may be adversely impacted when the building on the property is expanded. This foundation is not currently on the Historical/Cultural Resource List.

No update on the Windham Depot electrification. Frank Farmer will find out who is responsible for clearing the rocks from the conduit.

Wendy Williams read an update by Peter Griffin. Plans for the bridge over Collins Brook are being finalized.

Wendy Williams read to the Committee a letter drafted by Peter Noel to be sent to abutters of the Searles Wall. The Committee agreed to accept the letter with discussed revisions.

The Historical/Cultural Resource List needs updating. Wendy Williams has started reviewing the current list along with earlier lists, and has discovered that the older records are generally more accurate than the newer list.

Brief discussion of organizing all of the Committee's photos into folders to be accessible on the town webpage. Derek Saffie will check with Eric DeLong about the possibilities.

There were no volunteers to sell Windham's Nutfield 300th medals at the March election.

Two state historic road markers were budgeted for 2020. Current plan is to purchase a sign for Indian Rock and another for London Bridge. The Committee will need to draft the text to appear on each sign. Frank Farmer agreed to pursue the next steps in getting the signs.

The Committee planned a site walk for 10 Libbey Road, site of extensive historic foundation, for the week of March 8th.

Carol Pynn and Wendy Williams met with Alex Ray to discuss the Robert Armstrong House at 88 Range Road. Wendy Williams has started reviewing the Secretary of the Interior's standards, which must be followed in care of the property.

Frank Farmer made a motion to approve the February 6th meeting minutes; seconded by Carol Pynn and passed 5 - 0.

Skot Pare gave an update on the Strawberry Fest. It has been officially scheduled for June 6th from 11AM to 5PM. The Committee will draft a layout of their proposed setup, which includes flax presentation, 1938 hurricane presentation, and more.

Going forward, the Committee will need to draft a memo for each TRC proposal.

Skot Pare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM; seconded by Frank Farmer and passed 5 - 0.

Minutes by Derek Saffie – Secretary